



# NORTHEASTERN REGION POTATO REPORT

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### Maine

Maine fall potato final production for 2017 is 15.2 million cwt, up slightly from the 2016 crop, according to Gary Keough, State Statistician of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, New England Field Office. Harvested area, at 47,500 acres, is up 2 percent from 2016. The average yield of 320 cwt per acre is down 5 cwt from the previous year. The value of all potatoes sold in 2017, at \$143.2 million, decreased 10 percent from the previous year. The average price, at \$10.20 per cwt, is down \$1.30 from 2016. The quantity of potatoes sold from the 2017 crop totaled 14.1 million cwt, up 2 percent from 2016. Sales accounted for 92.8 percent of 2017 production, up 1 percent from the previous year. Shrinkage and loss is estimated at 879 thousand cwt for 2017, down 18 percent from 2016. Potatoes used for livestock feed on farms where grown, home use, and seed on their own farms totaled 221 thousand cwt, up 8 percent from 2016.

### New York

Fall potato final production for 2017 is 4 million cwt, up 14 percent from the 2016 crop, according to Blair Smith, State Statistician of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, New York Field Office. Harvested area, at 14,400 acres, is down 3 percent from 2016. The average yield of 280 cwt per acre is up 40 cwt from the previous year. The value of all potatoes sold in 2017, at \$47.3 million, increased 17 percent from the previous year. The average price, at \$12.60 per cwt, is unchanged from 2016. The quantity of potatoes sold from the 2017 crop totaled 3.7 million cwt, up 17 percent from 2016. Sales accounted for 92.8 percent of 2017 production, up 3 percent from the previous year. Shrinkage and loss is estimated at 236 thousand cwt for 2017, down 16 percent from 2016. Potatoes used for livestock feed on farms where grown, home use, and seed on their own farms totaled 56 thousand cwt, down 22 percent from 2016.

### United States

Potato production in the U.S. for the 2017 crop at 442 million cwt, up slightly from the 2016 crop. Harvested area, at 1.02 million acres, was up 1 percent from 2016. The average yield of 431 cwt per acre was down 2 cwt from the previous year. The value of all U.S. potatoes sold in 2017, at \$3.77 billion, increased 1 percent from the previous year. The average price, at \$9.10 per cwt, was up \$0.02 from 2016. The quantity of potatoes sold from the 2017 crop was 413 million cwt, up 1 percent from 2016. Quantity sold accounted for 93 percent of 2017 production, unchanged from the previous year.

U.S. potatoes used for processing totaled 282 million cwt, down 1 percent from 2016. Potatoes used for chips and shoestrings totaled 58.8 million cwt in 2017, down 3 percent from the previous year. Frozen French fries and other frozen products utilized 170 million cwt of raw potatoes, down slightly from 2016. Potatoes used for dehydrating totaled 45.8 million cwt, down 5 percent from 2016. Canning use, at 1.86 million cwt, was down 4 percent from the previous year. Other products made from potatoes totaled 6.16 million cwt of potatoes, a 3 percent increase from 2016.



## Potato Area Planted and Harvested, Yield, and Production – Northeastern States and United States: 2015-2017

State	Area planted			Area harvested		
	2015	2016	2017	2015	2016	2017
	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)
Delaware <sup>1</sup> .....	(D)	(NA)	(NA)	(D)	(NA)	(NA)
Maine .....	51.0	47.0	48.0	50.5	46.5	47.5
Maryland .....	2.4	(D)	2.6	2.4	(D)	2.5
Massachusetts <sup>1</sup> .....	3.6	(NA)	(NA)	3.6	(NA)	(NA)
New Jersey .....	(D)	(D)	1.7	(D)	(D)	1.7
New York .....	15.0	15.0	14.5	14.8	14.8	14.4
Pennsylvania <sup>1</sup> .....	5.4	(NA)	(NA)	5.3	(NA)	(NA)
Rhode Island <sup>1</sup> .....	0.6	(NA)	(NA)	0.6	(NA)	(NA)
United States .....	1,066.1	1,037.0	1,033.0	1,054.4	1,018.3	1,024.9

  

State	Yield per acre <sup>1</sup>			Production		
	2015	2016	2017	2015	2016	2017
	(cwt)	(cwt)	(cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)
Delaware <sup>1</sup> .....	(D)	(NA)	(NA)	(D)	(NA)	(NA)
Maine .....	320	325	320	16,160	15,113	15,200
Maryland .....	330	(D)	365	792	(D)	913
Massachusetts <sup>1</sup> .....	305	(NA)	(NA)	1,098	(NA)	(NA)
New Jersey .....	(D)	(D)	300	(D)	(D)	510
New York .....	280	240	280	4,144	3,552	4,032
Pennsylvania <sup>1</sup> .....	280	(NA)	(NA)	1,484	(NA)	(NA)
Rhode Island <sup>1</sup> .....	135	(NA)	(NA)	81	(NA)	(NA)
United States .....	418	433	431	441,205	441,411	442,034

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations

(NA) Not available.

<sup>1</sup> Data Series for this State discontinued.

## Potato Production, Seed Use, Farm Disposition, Price, and Value – Northeastern States and United States: 2017 Crop

[United States and totals may not add due to rounding]

State	Production	Total used for seed	Farm disposition			Price per cwt	Value of	
			Where grown		Sold		Production <sup>1</sup>	Sales <sup>1</sup>
			Seed, feed, home	Shrink and loss				
	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(dollars)	(1,000 dollars)	(1,000 dollars)
Delaware .....	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Maine .....	15,200	1,092	221	879	14,100	10.20	155,040	143,170
Maryland .....	913	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Massachusetts .....	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
New Jersey .....	510	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
New York .....	4,032	375	56	236	3,740	12.60	50,803	47,285
Pennsylvania .....	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Rhode Island .....	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
United States .....	442,034	24,673	4,380	24,737	412,917	9.10	4,021,495	3,767,874

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(NA) Not available.

<sup>1</sup> May not calculate due to rounding.

For the complete “Potatoes, 2017 Summary” report, go to:

<https://usda.mannlib.cornell.edu/MannUsda/viewDocumentInfo.do?documentID=1123>

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